



The second board meeting of the 2025 season was held at Brady Shrum Elementary School in Salem, Indiana scheduled for 3pm. Attendance included SIJRA officers and board members: Jon Pankey (President) Kyle Reiter (Vice President) Emily Gibson (Treasurer) Liz Losson (Association Secretary) Jay Rieckers (Board Member) Tonya McLoed (Board Member) Travis Wesner (Board Member) Cody Manning (Board Member) Megan Witten (Board Member.) Amanda Flock (Rodeo Secretary) was ill. The meeting was called to order by Jon Pankey at 3:05pm. Prayer by Jay Rieckers.

Everyone approved Liz on the bank account.

Treasurers Report: \$40,581 balance

(2) laptops were purchased for Liz & for Emily. The business entity report is still in review and due 2/28, electric was paid, porta pot dates to be updated with A1 by Jon, trash with Sweetland to be in writing as free- Jon will complete. Trophy & cup quotes from Florence's Flowers in Salem. Amanda has quotes for these from Caroline's company as well.

Lawn Care quotes, 4 quotes from 4 Seasons Property Service LLC/ Jeff Simmons & AJ Losson bid.

Celery Signs in Jackson Co., supporter of the youth, Travis suggested we get quote from for signs, he will contact them.

Cody has poplar boards and posts for fixing the entrance of the grounds and he will paint them.

Sponsorship- increase levels and \$500 for Bucking chute sponsor. Megan is working on brochure.

Concessions- same terms as 2024- Wade Sonner

Announcer- Tim Smith and/or Carrie Meek- Jon is offering \$200/day and giving them dates.

Kyle suggested Myra Holz and other interested kids learning to announce and working on play list with Queen.

Arena Director role: she is the contact for parents and spectators to reach the rodeo committee. No judges or call rights, in charge of the tractor, lining up contestants, finding goat stake, barrel & pole stakes, making sure the committee for chute dogging & ropers are ready before their event. Arena director needs to check flags- solid colors and measured correctly- be flexible and add proposal. Macey Condra, Ann Marie Freshour \$100/day Clayton Reikers would also do it. Jon will reach out to Ann Marie and Macey. Aira Pankey is nominated for goat director. Event directors TBD.

Judges: Kyle has Jacob Rorig and Tucker for the first two rodeos. Chris Meek agreed to cover the rest of the rodeos. Mark L. is getting back to Kyle on their availability. He has two more on a list for backup. Judges understand learning association and will help kids in events. Judges have agreed to the night rodeo and the board understands it may cost more.

Dena Hasler is getting another insurance quote.

Cody has a former HS Rodeo kid to come help with a clinic.

**Workday goals-** March 1, 1-2pm Cody has designs for new bucking chute alley and safety, he is giving Jon the list and Cody will supply the drill and supplies to do that. He suggests two gallons of white paint for left side bucking chutes and number them. (6) Jon is donating paint and approved



this, Tonya Seconded. Jay thinks we need two loads of sand, everyone approved. Jay & Travis will be setting the pens and hauling sand. We will be taking inventory of supplies, radios, stop watches, awards, condition of poles, barrels, etc. and cleaning the entry booth and grounds.

Meeting with Dill Wittymore on safety panels. Red line rule is eliminated, this helps with not having the arena director get yelled at. It will be a funnel/safety paneled area, and the back will not be closed off.

We do not guarantee, and we do not provide rough stock equipment. Inventory and Discount boot & tack- vests are old. Jay is getting a number for spending on rough stock from Matt Main. Cody is donating flank straps and numbering them. We can order mouth pieces from Amazon and sell them.

**Points:** Jon would like Tonya to set up the points and Amanda the overseer. Tonya will be training this year for Rodeo Secretary position. Tonya said we can help with online entries if contestants always have their username and password and anyone can help them. There is an export file, there will be an open window for entries, then close, at check in, there would be a spreadsheet where you could document how they paid, there is also a registry of who paid with credit, check, cash, etc. there is a refund period. Reports will go into QuickBooks too. Credit card fees for Equest are 3% for software and 3% for online entry. The average is \$2.50/kid for credit card use. Tonya- can we sign a release form on Equest, Stephanie suggested she wants everything on hard copy, and they scan into the system. In hand: membership form- are they K-8, graduating 8th grader, sponsorship, Tonya can customize the member profile page and will have a bio for each kid. In July, there will be ACH available to pay your entry- 1% plus the 3% credit card fee. We are finding out if the fees are higher with different credit card companies. Tonya has referenced Stephanie Cox as helping with understanding the program. This program does not calculate rookie and all-around awards. Tonya & Dena will email steps for breaking an all-around tie. Jay makes a motion to accept Equest and Kyle seconds it. All accepted Tonya running points for the year with Equest.

Dena reviewed awards expenses and suggested that we have sponsors listed with each kids name at each rodeo as the sponsorships get turned in. She said that we have had shirt sponsors in the past that have their logos on the shirts and offset the cost of the CINCH shirts. Emily is going to tie Venmo to the bank account. Everyone approved Venmo for shirt order.

We want to advertise the sponsorship tiers at the membership meeting and each rodeo so kids know what they can earn at year end awards. Additional- not required- sponsorship is to be turned in 2 weeks after the last rodeo to aid with our awards committee planning.

Changes to bylaws: all approved. Referring to website for changes. Jay made a motion and Megan seconded. Proposed changes to rules- 15 days to vote Colt is okay with expos in team roping. Teams would take heading and heeling points to the all-around.

The goal with the Equest program is to have points done that day, utilize it well so points can be posted well. This dictates the decision on no double heading.

We will ask the Becht kids to be draw partners. Tonya is going to do draws and put them with their runs. Software allows for this. Only 678 for team roping, must be an active K-8 member. Taking out "ghost & pick" for clarification for stock contractor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.